1. (amended) A basketball backboard assembly sized and configured for playing the game of basketball comprising:

a backboard frame structure having a bonding surface;

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an acrylic backboard having a bonding surface; and

a catalyzed elastomeric adhesive sandwiched between the frame bonding surface and the backboard bonding surface, wherein the elastomeric adhesive provides sufficient adhesion and flexibility to the acrylic backboard and frame structure bonding surfaces to be used in the game of basketball.

4. (amended) A basketball backboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the elastomeric adhesive is catalyzed silicone adhesive.

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5. (amended) A basketball backboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the elastomeric adhesive is a two-part catalyzed adhesive in which the two parts are combined in a ratio to provide a set time in the range from about 7 to 15 minutes.

6. (amended) A basketball backboard assembly according to claim 1, wherein the elastomeric adhesive is a two-part catalyzed adhesive in which the two parts are combined in a ratio to provide a set time in the range from about 5 minutes to 1 hour.

14. (amended) A basketball backboard assembly sized and configured for playing the game of basketball comprising:

a metal backboard frame structure having a bonding surface;

an acrylic backboard having a bonding surface; and

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a catalyzed silicone adhesive sandwiched between the frame bonding surface and the backboard bonding surface, wherein the silicone adhesive has a bond gap in the range from about 2 to 2.5 mm, wherein the silicone adhesive is configured to provide a set time in the range from about 5 minutes to 1 hour, wherein the silicone adhesive provides sufficient adhesion and flexibility to the acrylic backboard and frame structure bonding surfaces to be used in the game of basketball; and

a plurality of bond gap spacers located between the frame bonding surface and the backboard bonding surface to provide the bond gap.